THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The contract was awarded to M|s. Railway Cycle Stand Karamchari Shram Samvida Sahkari Samiti Ltd., Allahabad for a period of 4 months in view of the operational needs and safeguarding the financial & administrative interests of the Railway Administration.

(b) M|s. Cycle Stand Karamchari Shram Samvida Sahkari Samiti worked from 22-2-87 to 21-6.87 for coal handling. cinder picking and ash handling work at Allahabad and the deductions on different accounts are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(c) Penalties were levied on the Society in terms of the provisions of the contract, details of which have been furnished as at (b) above.

Statement

Deduction [illegible], Non-Stacking Penalty and Penalty for Cinder Shortage Etc.) At Loco Shed Allahabad Work Done By M|S. Railway Cycle Stand Karamchari Shri Ram Samvida Sahkari Samiti Ltd. Allahabad For the Period 22-2-87 *To* 21-6-87.

Month	Engine detention	Demurrage	Penalty for non-stacking	Penalty for cinder shortage
	Rs. P.	Rs. P.	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
Feb. '87 (22-2-87 to 28-2-87)	——	50·40	——	——
March, 87	——	38·64	163·70	——
April, 87	80·00	285·60	286·30	1715·70
May, 87	120·00	1364·46	85·60	——
June, 87 (up to 21-6-87)	20·00	1759·08	516·20	1719·27

Announcements in Aircraft in regional language

381. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 1785 given in Rajya Sabha on 11th March, 1987 and state whether Government propose to introduce announcements in regional languages in the aircraft at different airports, besides those in English and Hindi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): There is no such proposal to introduce announcements in regional languages in the aircraft at different airports, besides those in English and Hindi. All inflight announcements in Indian Airlines flights are made in Hindi and English; ground announcements, wherever made by Indian Airlines, are done in regional language also, in addition to Hindi and English. Air-India also make announcements in Tamil on the India|Kaulalumpur|Singapore|India Sector and in Malayalam on Trivandrum|Gulf|Trivandrum flights in addition to English and Hindi.

Poor telephone service in southern states

382. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telephone fault rectification and telephone maintenance and service is comparatively very poor in the four southern states of the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to rectify the same?